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## REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 14, 1999, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-14, 17 and 18) drawn to compositions comprising polynucleotides encoding amino-terminal modified chemokines, host cells comprising same and methods of recombinantly expressing polynucleotides encoding amino-terminal modified chemokines are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the invention of Groups II-VIII. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the inventions of Groups II-VIII.

A four-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for a four-month extension of time with authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 07-1060 for the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently. Also being filed concurrently is an Associate Power of Attorney document.

Respectfully submitted,

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